

CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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UPDATE

STATE ROUTE 38 CLOSED DUE TO FIRE

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY - State Route 38 is closed from Bryant Street in Yucaipa to Lake Williams Road due to a wildfire. The fire began in the Mentone area yesterday around 3:00 pm and proceeded to burn east just north of State Route 38. Only residents of mountain communities affected by the closure will have access to State Route 38 between Lake Williams Road and Valley of the Falls Drive in Forest Falls. Residents will be required to show identification for access. The duration of this closure is unknown at this time.

Mandatory evacuations are in effect for residents of Mountain Home and Loch Leven Conference Center. For more information on the fire visit the US Forest Services incident information web site at www.inciweb.org. Motorists will be able to utilize State Route 18 and State Route 330 to access other mountain communities. Currently, State Route 330 is under construction. Access to State Route 330 will be available until 6:00 pm via reversible traffic control (escorts). Vehicles five tons and over will not be permitted on State Route 330.

Caltrans and emergency personnel will be evaluating road conditions throughout the day. New information regarding the road closure will be released when available. Caltrans urges motorists to avoid the closure area and follow the directions of emergency personnel. For updates on Riverside and San Bernardino county state highway work, please go to our website at www.caltrans8.info and click on "Press Releases" or call (866) 383-4631 for information.

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